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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

LUSAKA PASS ASST SECY EASUM

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CLEARANCE OF VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE BY ASST. SECY. EASUM

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1. CALLED ON HIGH COMMISSIONER AT 3 PM OCT. 24 TO INFORM HIM OF ASST SECY EASUM'S VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE, AMONG NINE OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES. TOLD HIGH COMMISSIONER VISIT HERE WAS NOT PLANNED TAKE PLACE UNTIL NOVEMBER 19-21, BUT THERE HAD BEEN PRESS REPORTS IN SOUTH AFRICA OF VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE AND ASST SECY'S
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EXPECTATION OF SEEING PRIME MINISTER CHISSANO. SHOWED HIGH

COMMISSIONER TEXT OF PROPOSED COMMUNIQUE WHICH WE COULD ISSUE, IF HE APPROVED, TO CORRECT ANY WRONG IMPRESSION RE CHISSANO.

2. HIGH COMMISSIONER, ALTHOUGH FRIENDLY, APPEARED SOMEWHAT TAKEN ABACK, SAYING THAT HE HAD HEARD NOTHING FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN LISBON CONCERNING THE VISIT OF SUCH A DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN OFFICIAL. HE WISHED TO CONTACT LISBON AND WOULD LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS HE RECEIVED THE APPROVAL OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. I ASKED HIM IF HE WOULD PREFER THAT WE NOT ISSUE ANY COMMUNIQUE AND MAKE NO COMMENT. HE SAID YES. ALSO ASKED HIM IF HE WOULD PLEASE NOTIFY THE PRIME MINISTER SO THAT LATTER WOULD NOT READ OF THE VISIT IN THE PRESS. HE AGREED.

4. I CAREFULLY EXPLAINED TO HIGH COMMISSIONER THAT I WAS CONFIDENT THAT ASST SECY EASUM'S VISIT HAD BEEN CLEARED WITH THE GOP, PROBABLY THROUGH THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON. HE SEEMED TO ACCEPT THIS BUT THERE IS CLEARLY A SENSITIVITY CONCERNING PORTUGUESE SOVEREIGNTY IN MATTERS OF FOREIGN RELATIONS PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE, ESPECIALLY IN DEALINGS WITH TRANSITIONAL GOVT.

5. RECOMMEND EITHER DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSY LISBON (AS INSTRUCTED BY DEPARTMENT) URGENTLY REQUEST PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT CABLE TO HIGH COMMISSIONER ITS ASSENT TO ASST SECY'S VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE.

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